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1. REFTELS SHOW PATTERN OF USING ALTERNATE FROM LATEST IV GRANT AS NOMINEE FOR NEXT IV GRANT. THIS PRACTICE, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, MAY CAUSE POST TO LOSE GRANT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF BOTH W. K. CHENG AND CHARLES GRANT, WHO ARE ALTERNATES FOR LEONARD YOUNG, RECEIVE GRANTS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AND BEGIN TRAVEL AND SUBSEQUENTLY LEONARD YOUNG IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT HIS GRANT, POST WILL LOSE THE YOUNG GRANT BECAUSE IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO AMEND THE GRANT AND ADD A NEW ALTERNATE.

2. TO AVOID THIS TYPE OF POTENTIAL PROBLEM, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST DESIGNATING SEVERAL ALTERNATES WHO YOU DO NOT INTEND TO ELEVATE TO PRINCIPAL STATUS UNTIL AT LEAST A YEAR AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE GRANT FOR WHICH THEY ARE ALTERNATES. HABIB

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